

**United States House of Representatives
Committee on Appropriations
Project Request Summary**

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COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Project Information

Project Name:

Oak Forest Police - In Car Video Camera

Amount Requested:

\$100,000

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to outfit Oak Forest Police patrol cars with video cameras. A 2002 study by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) found a profound impact that police in-car camera systems had an increase in officer safety, reduction in the number of citizen complaints lodged against officers, officers conducting themselves more professionally, and an increase in the number of convictions and guilty pleas prior to going to trial. The new recording equipment consists of a digital camera mounted above the dashboard of each squad car, as well as tape recorders carried on all Oak Forest patrol officers. The devices will always be on when the vehicles emergency lights are in use or can be turned on by the officers carrying them.

Intended Recipient of Funds

Oak Forest Police Dept.

15440 South Central Avenue

Oak Forrest, IL 60452

Explanation of the request:

This is a public safety initiative that protects the citizens as well as the police officers by promoting transparency in the law enforcement process. The general public benefits by increased protection against potential police abuses.